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# 48th annual Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival



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# Welcome!

to the 48th annual Astoria  
Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

*Sankt Hans, Juhannus, Jónsmessa, Midsomar, Sankthöftan, MIDSUMMER!* However you might say it in Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian, Swedish or English, you will thoroughly enjoy the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival! Whether you have family roots in the Scandinavian cultures or not, there will be something for you to enjoy. Booths, entertainment, costumes and the extreme pride everyone has in sharing traditions will leave you richer for having experienced it all.

This is a festival that showcases the beautiful midsummer celebrations observed in Scandinavian countries. It's the longest day of the year that we celebrate with an amazing three-day festival right here in Clatsop County at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

Raise the Midsummer Pole, and watch the flags fly while the audience sings along with each national anthem. Hear the princesses talk about their heritage, and watch the ultimate selection of the new Miss Scandinavia. Dancers from near and far will show off their excellent skills, and musical entertainment — new and returning — will enthrall you.

This is not a festival put on by one, but by many. This is a community of volunteers who work hard year round to put together an enjoyable experience for everyone. Their pride shines through all the events that have been arranged and coordinated for your enjoyment. To the multitudes of volunteers I must say thank you for ALL your efforts to make this the best festival yet!

For those who have been to the festival for multiple years or for those who come for the first time, there is always something to enjoy. Learn dances, burn a hex, eat many delicious foods, quiz the princesses about their heritage, experience the sights of beautiful authentic costumes, and eat lutefisk — just kidding!

**Leila Collier**

Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association

**2015 Astoria  
Scandinavian Midsummer Festival**  
Friday to Sunday, June 19, 20 & 21

**Clatsop County Fairgrounds**

92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria

## Admission

\$8 for adults, \$3 for children age 6 to 12, free for children age 5 and under. Admission wristbands are good for all three days of the festival.

## Parking

\$2 per day or \$5 for a weekend pass

No pets are allowed at the festival.

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2014 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival activities

2015 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Court photos by Lisa Lamping

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# Schedule of Events



**Friday, June 19**

## BOOTHS OPEN

2 to 6:30 p.m., Arena

Visit the midsummer vendors to find specialty Scandinavian items, handcrafted treasures and Scandinavian foods.

## ENTERTAINMENT

3 to 7 p.m., Arena Stage

There will be live entertainment every hour on stage including performances by featured groups from Norway and Denmark.

## BEER GARDEN

3 to 11 p.m.

Astoria Brewing Company will present a selection of award-winning handcrafted microbrews and a limited menu with live music.

## BEEF DINER HOSTED

BY OLNEY GRANGE

4:30 p.m. until supply runs out, Exhibit Hall

Beef pot roast, baked potato, green beans, salad, pie, beverage, \$13

## Liberty Theater players present

"DORA"

5:30 p.m., Exhibit Hall

"Dora" is a one-act comedy written by Pauline Phelps in 1932. The script was recently discovered in the attic of the Finnish

Brotherhood's Suomi Hall and is believed to have been performed on stage there. Dora is a Swedish immigrant maid who has saved her hard-earned money for seven years. Suddenly her hiding place has been sold to a junk man. The fun begins with everyone trying to find the money. The play will be presented in readers theater format.

## QUEEN'S CORONATION

7 p.m., Arena

Princesses sponsored by the Danish Society, Finnish Brotherhood, Sons of Norway and VASA Swedish Lodge will speak about their Scandinavian heritage. A panel of judges will select one to reign as Miss Scandinavia 2015. Hear featured entertainers from Denmark and Norway, enjoy national songs, see the Nordic Viking Dancers perform traditional folk dances.

## TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

AND BONFIRE

8 p.m. approximately, immediately following the Queen's coronation, Parking Area  
Scandia men with flaming torches will lead the newly crowned Miss Scandinavia and audience members to the bonfire to throw straw hexes into the flames. This tradition symbolizes ridding oneself of bad luck for the year. Accordionists will play.

## QUEEN'S BALL

8 to 10:30 p.m., Exhibit Hall

Miss Scandinavia and her father or special

partner will lead the first dance of the 2015 festival. Scandinavian Country of Astoria will provide tunes for the waltz, schottische, polka, snoa, humppe, occasional tango or habbo for the experts, the Chicken Dance, the Hokey Pokey and the locals' favorites — the Butterfly and the Varsouvienne.

**Saturday, June 20**

## MIDNIGHT SUN BREAKFAST

7 to 11 a.m., Exhibit Hall

Buffet: Norwegian Jarsberg egg cake, Finnish Pyttipannu (pan-fried scramble of potato, onions, sausage and egg), Swedish pancakes with whipped cream and strawberries, Norwegian Rommegrot (sour cream porridge/pudding with cinnamon and sugar), lefse, Scandinavian cheese, shrimp and salmon lox, bread, fruit, Danish pastry, coffee, OJ served by Scandinavian Cafe of Vancouver, Washington. Adults \$9, kids 6 and under \$4.

## TROLL RUN/WALK

8:30 a.m., Walluski area

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival presents the 12th annual Running of the Trolls. Join us for a walk or run in the beautiful Walluski countryside. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association Scholarship Fund. Registration is available online or at the festival. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday in the Main Entry Hall.

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**Saturday, June 20**

**BOOTHS**

9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Arena

**ENTERTAINMENT**

10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Arena  
10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Exhibit Hall

There will be live Scandinavian-themed entertainment on two stages throughout the day. Pick up a festival program at the admission table to find your favorite band, singer or dance troupe.

**EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY AND  
STEEL VIKING ENCAMPMENT**

10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Outdoors

The Empire of Chivalry and Steel will hold an open house in its Viking encampment outdoors south of the Arena. Costumed re-enactors will demonstrate crafts, tournaments, armor making, and combat arts from the culture of the Middle Ages.

**BARNEFEST**

11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Arena

Young festival attendees can participate in children's activities in the Barnefest area, staffed by volunteers from Tongue Point Job Corps Center, the Nordic Viking Dancers, and parents. Children under 12 need to be accompanied by an adult. There are inexpensive games (fishing, wheel spin, plinko, golf and bean bag toss), face painting and a raffle. There will be puppet shows at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

**OPTOG – FESTIVAL PARADE**

11:30 a.m., festival grounds

Miss Scandinavia and her court, costumed dancers and entertainers, and representatives from the

Scandinavian lodges will assemble in the dining area of the Exhibit Hall and then parade through the arena and festival grounds to the outdoor stage.

**FLAG RAISING AND  
MIDSUMMER POLE RAISING**

Noon, Outdoor Stage

Hear the national songs of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden while Miss Scandinavia and her court assist in the pageantry of the raising of the flags. Then volunteers will skillfully raise the Midsummer Pole. Perhaps Sven and Jorgen will play tunes for ring dancing. (In case of rain, flag raising will be moved to the Exhibit Hall.)

**BEER GARDEN**

Noon to 11 p.m.

Astoria Brewing Company will present a selection of award-winning handcrafted microbrews and a limited menu. There will be live music in the afternoon and early evening hours.

**KUBB EXHIBITION**

1 to 3 p.m., in front of the Midsummer Pole

Kubb (pronounced "koob") is a yard game of Scandinavian origins that has been played for 1,000 years. Each year there is a world competition in Gotland, Sweden. The game is played between two teams with up to six people per team and consists of throwing baton-like pieces to knock over the blocks of the opposing team. No prior skills are required. All are welcome.

**PARADE OF COSTUMES**

3 p.m., Exhibit Hall

Curious about the costumes worn by representa-

tives of the Scandinavian countries? Hear them explained in a fashion show with live models.

**VIKING DINNER**

4 to 7 p.m., Exhibit Hall

Buffet: Swedish meatballs in gravy, Scandinavian ham, Norwegian beef and cabbage, braised red cabbage, Janneson's temptation (Swedish casserole of potatoes, onions, pickled sprats, bread crumbs and cream), salad, Danish smørrebrød (open-faced sandwiches), shrimp and herring salad, Nordic cheeses, fresh bread and crisps, Danish apple trifle dessert, cookies and pastries, soda, coffee, served by the Scandinavian Cafe. Adults \$15, kids 6 and under \$7.

Liberty Theater players present

"DORA"

5 p.m., Exhibit Hall

**DANCERS BALL**

with Skolkis and callers Don Meyers and Kathi Ploeger

6:30 to 7 p.m., lessons for beginners

7 to 10 p.m., Exhibit Hall

Skolkis of Seattle will provide music for family-friendly dancing. Come dance a waltz, polka, schottische or hambo, just listen, try lessons and enjoy refreshments.

**Sunday, June 21**

**PANNUKAKKU BREAKFAST**

7 to 11 a.m., Exhibit Hall

Astoria Rotary Club serves Finnish pancake, ham, fruit cup, coffee, tea, juice or milk. \$6.50 for adults; \$3 for kids.

**BOOTHS**

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Arena

**ENTERTAINMENT**

11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Arena  
Noon to 3:30 p.m., Exhibit Hall

**EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY AND  
STEEL VIKING ENCAMPMENT**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Outdoors

**BARNEFEST**

11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Arena

There will be a puppet show at 11:30 a.m.

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL  
CHURCH SERVICE**

11 a.m., Exhibit Hall

A non-denominational church service will be hosted by a local minister.

Liberty Theater players present

"DORA"

3 p.m., Exhibit Hall

**RAFFLE AND CLOSING CEREMONIES**

4 p.m., Exhibit Hall

Who will win the ticket to Scandinavia and the other beautiful prizes donated by the Scandinavian Festival Association, lodges and businesses? Learn who the winners are; you need not be present to win.

The 2015 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival ends as the national songs of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden are sung one more time and the flags leave the hall. Say goodbye to your friends and family, and make plans to join us again in 2016.

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Welcome to  
Astoria's 48th  
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Festival



**SENATOR BETSY JOHNSON**



# Here to stay

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival celebrates tradition, pageantry and food June 19, 20 & 21

Story by CATE GABLE

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, taking place June 19 to 21, holds down a long and glorious tradition on the North Coast, from the festival's first Queen Marjorie Yost, (Danish, 1968) to last year's Abbie Johnson (Norway, 2014) who has attended every festival since she was born and was put to work as soon as she could walk. Abbie, her proud parents and grandparents have a long tradition of volunteering to make the event special. It takes a community — and many hands make light work.

There's only one little kink in the works this year. As Abbie's granddad and festival organizer Loran Mathews puts it, "We haven't decided yet what year to call this festival. We're not sure about our numbering — it all depends how you count."

He continues, "If I say I'm 70 years old then you start counting not when I was born but when I'm one year old. So that's year one — after my first full year. Anyway we started in 1967, and we're still trying to figure out when our 50th will be. We're here having a meeting on June 10 to decide."

But whether it's the 48th or 49th year, any way you slice that krunkake, the Scandinavian Festival is here to stay, or so this year's volunteers hope. "There have been a lot of people involved over the years,"

Mathews continues. "It's been good to keep it going so long, and we want to keep it going another 50 years. A lot of the people in the original group are gone, so we've had other people taking over along the way."

## The Royal Court

There is no better indication that the Scan Fest's longevity is assured than to look at the impressive royal court. Each of the four lodges — Norway,

Finland, Denmark and Sweden — nominate a young woman to represent them. These misses are carefully chosen to represent their culture and have a rigorous schedule of speaking engagements.

Miss Denmark, Meisha Boettcher, is a junior at Knap-pa High School, and her maternal great grandparents are 100 percent Danish. Miss Finland, Kaisa Johnson, is a senior at Astoria High School; her Scandinavian heritage was passed down to her from her mother who is 100 percent Finn. Johnson has been a Viking/Nordic dancer for nine years.

Leah Marie Telen, Miss Norway, a senior at Astoria High School, had a great-grandmother who was 100 percent Norwegian. Next year Telen plans to study nursing at Clatsop Community College. And Miss Sweden, Kristina Kjellberg, is an exchange student at Astoria High School. Her family lives in Uppsala, Sweden. Kjellberg will return

to Sweden after the festival and then has two more years of schooling before she graduates.

There is also an array of Junior Misses with similarly outstanding talents. With this level of involvement of Astoria's young people and generations of family involvement, Mathews' aspirations for another 50 years seem easy to imagine.

## Coronation and Ball

Janet Bowler, this year's Scan Fest entertainment chair, notes that the crowning of the new queen is what begins the whole festive tradition. "The Queen's coronation takes place 7 p.m. Friday at the arena. The candidates will each speak on the importance of their Scandinavian heritage, and then a panel of judges selects one to reign as Miss Scandinavia 2015."

The men get involved after the coronation, carrying flaming torches for the Torchlight Procession, Bonfire and family-friendly Queen's Dance. As Bowler says, "The men will lead the newly crowned Miss Scandinavia and audience members to the bonfire to throw straw hexes into the flames. This tradition symbolizes ridding ourselves of bad luck for the coming year. There will be accordion music and a dance or two around the fire."

Miss Scandinavia and her father or special partner usually lead the first dance. Bowler notes that if you like the Chicken Dance, the Hokey Pokey, or local favorites — the Butterfly and the Varsouvienne — this family-friendly gathering is for you. There will even be some experts showing off a waltz, schottische, polka, snoa, tango,



Submitted photo by Janet Bowler

Celeste and Ernie Petersen of Astoria, pictured here at the 2014 festival, embody the Astoria Scandinavian Festival's motto of Explore Astoria and Discover Your Inner Viking.

Photo by Damian Mulnix

Following her coronation, recently crowned 2014 Miss Scandinavia Abbie Johnson awaits the start of the torchlight procession outside the Clatsop County Fairgrounds during the opening of last year's Scandinavian Midsummer Festival.

hambo or humppa. Scandinavian Country of Astoria will provide the tunes.

## Don't Forget the Food

But don't worry if this Scandinavian lingo is puzzling, because there is one thing everyone can enjoy — the amazing food. Corleen Mathew's krunkake is legendary. Then there's Norway's potato lefse; riisipuuro from the Finns; Danish meatballs with red cabbage can't be missed; and the Swedish pea soup is to die for.

Those Scandinavians seem to spend a lot of time in the kitchen. Lou Ann Thorsness, in charge of the Sons of Norway booth, shares a bit of history about her country's offerings. "Our lefse is really 'hardanger lefse' made from flour, not potatoes, and was passed on to me by the ladies from the lodge. Kringle was also passed to me by the lodge ladies, including my Aunt Edith Helligso and the late Lois Ahola — both Astoria natives.

"And we can't forget spritz — this recipe is from my mom, Nancy Thorsness, who died



Submitted photo

The Olney Grange provides a beef dinner Friday night featuring beef pot roast, baked potato, green beans, salad, pie and a beverage for \$13.

in 2010. Although she wasn't Norwegian, my dad Frank was. We'll also be making pepper-kake and Scandinavian almond bars."

There is a Norwegian Christmas tradition of having seven kinds of cookies during the holidays. You often see this referred to as the "Magic 7." As Thorsness says, "My understanding is that you can make more, but it should always be an odd number. I've established a crazy tradition, with help from family and friends — I make about 450 dozen cookies of 13 different kinds."

So whether it's the pageantry, the food, or the family fun, stop in any day at the festival

Try your hand at Scandinavian cuisine. Lou Ann Thorsness has provided a recipe:

## Kringle

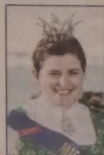
### Ingredients

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups sour cream
- 2 eggs yolks
- 2/3 cup melted butter
- 1 teaspoon Anise-liquid (can also use seeds)
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 4 to 5 cups flour

### Directions

1. Mix the sugar, eggs, sour cream and anise together.
2. Add the melted butter
3. Add in the dry ingredients. Slowly add the flour, mixing as you go until the dough can be handled.
4. Roll the dough out and cut into 7-to-8-inch strips, about the length of a pencil
5. Twist into a "B" or pretzel shape.
6. Bake at 350 F for 10 to 12 minutes.





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Festival Court**

Miss Scandinavia 2014

**Abbie Johnson**

Abbie is a freshman at Linfield College majoring in nursing. Her Norwegian heritage comes from her maternal great-grandfather, who was 100 percent Norwegian. Abbie's mother, Tara Johnson, was Miss Norway in 1989, and her sister Helen was Miss Scandinavian in 2010. Abbie's family is active in the local Scandinavian community, and Abbie has attended every festival since she was born. She helps the Sons of Norway make lefse for the festival and considers it a privilege to continue a tradition so close to her family's heart. She encourages everyone to get involved in their heritage.



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Junior Court Chaperone

**Laura Biederman**

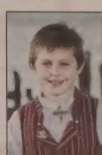
Laura is a teacher at John Jacob Astor Elementary School and a member of the Finnish Brotherhood Lodge. Laura's grandmother was 100 percent Finnish.



Senior Court Chaperone

**Bev Hoofnagle**

Bev has been a part of the Viking/Nordic Dancers for 30 years. She and her husband have three children and nine grandchildren. Now retired, she enjoys spending time with her grandkids and riding motorcycles.



**2015 Astoria  
Scandinavian  
Midsummer  
Festival Court**

Crown Bearer

**Stian Matthews**

Stian attends Lewis and Clark School. His maternal grandmother was born and raised in Finland. Stian enjoys sauna at home and eating lutfisk during the Christmas holiday season. He's attended every festival since he was born, and his brothers have also been crown bearers. His favorite beverage at the festival is the lingonberry juice. Stian has attended the Norwegian Camp at the Sons of Norway to learn a Scandinavian language, and his family hopes to travel to Scandinavia soon.



**2015 Astoria  
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Junior Court**

Junior Miss Iceland

**Delaney Patterson**

Delaney is a student at Lewis and Clark Elementary School. Delaney dances with the Nordic dancers and will perform with the group at the festival this year.



**2015 Astoria  
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Senior Court**

Senior Miss Sweden

**Kristina Kjellberg**

Kristina is an exchange student at Astoria High School from Uppsala, Sweden. She looks forward to attending her first festival this year to see how Scandinavian-Americans celebrate Midsummer. Kristina can't wait to try the Scandinavian delicacies offered for sale because she misses the food from home. To prepare for being on the court, Kristina talked to her parents about her family history and has learned interesting things about her ancestors. Kristina will return home to Sweden soon and has two more years of school before graduation.



**2015 Astoria  
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Junior Court**

Senior Miss Norway

**Leah Marie Telen**

Leah is a senior at Astoria High School. Her great-grandmother was 100 percent Norwegian. Leah enjoys watching the dancing at the festival, especially when her little sister dances with the Viking/Nordic Dancers. Sampling Scandinavian foods at the festival is also a favorite activity, especially the Swedish meatballs. This year, Leah had the opportunity to visit the Sons of Norway Lodge in Gearhart to learn how to make lefse. Next year Leah plans to study nursing at Clatsop Community College.



**2015 Astoria  
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Junior Court**

Junior Miss Sweden

**Payton Harper**

Payton attends John Jacob Astor Elementary School. Payton's maternal great-grandmother was 100 percent Swedish. Payton looks forward to the bonfire on Friday night because she and her grandmother, Billie, make hexes to throw in the fire. Payton and her mom are members of the Vasa Lodge 215, and in 2016 her family will visit Sweden.



**2015 Astoria  
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Junior Court**

Junior Miss Norway

**Raelee Anne Telen**

Raelee is a student at Lewis and Clark Elementary, and her sister, Leah, is Miss Norway. Her Norwegian heritage comes through her great-grandmother. Raelee dances with the Nordic dance group and attended her first festival last year. Being on the court has been fun for Leah because she's learned more about the Norwegian side of her family.



**2015 Astoria  
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Senior Court**

Senior Miss Finland

**Kaisa Johnson**

Kaisa is a senior at Astoria High School. Her Scandinavian heritage comes from her mother, who is 100 percent Finn. Kaisa was Junior Miss Finland in 2005 and a Viking/Nordic dancer for nine years. Kaisa looks forward to participating in the Troll Run at the festival Saturday morning, June 20. Kaisa thinks the festival is important because it's helped her to learn about her ancestors and their culture and to keep their traditions alive. After graduation, Kaisa plans to attend the University of Oregon and major in English to become a teacher.



**2015 Astoria  
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Senior Court**

Senior Miss Denmark

**Meisha Boettcher**

Meisha is a junior at Knappa High School. Her maternal great-grandparents are 100 percent Danish. Meisha enjoys shopping and eating at the festival. Her favorite foods include aebleskivers, krumkake, smoked meats, lefse, cold smoked salmon, and tarts. Being on the Scandinavian Midsummer Court is fun for Meisha because she's met others in the community who share her Danish heritage, and she has been able to hear their stories.



**2015 Astoria  
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Junior Court**

Junior Miss Finland

**Avery Biederman**

Avery attends Lewis and Clark Elementary School. Her great-grandmother was 100 percent Finnish. Avery has attended many festivals and always enjoys sampling the prune tarts. She's even eaten lutfisk at the Finnish lodge.



**2015 Astoria  
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Midsummer Festival  
Junior Court**

Junior Miss Denmark

**Sophie Rose Alsbury**

Sophie attends Warrenton Grade School. Her family has been involved in the Lower Columbia Danish Society for many years. Her mother was both a Junior and Senior Miss Denmark. Sophie looks forward to the festival every year so she can eat aebleskivers, Danish pastries offered for sale by the Lower Columbia Danish Society.



# Festival Entertainment



## HELENE BLUM & HARALD HAUGAARD ENSEMBLE

Singer Helene Blum and fiddler Harald Haugaard come together in an outstanding ensemble that performs traditional and contemporary Danish music with great passion. Blum and Haugaard tour regularly and have captured the hearts of audiences in Europe, North America and Japan. They will perform in Astoria as a quintet with cellist Elise Pedersen and guitarists Mattias Pérez and Mikkel Grue. Hear these featured entertainers from Denmark on Friday at 6 p.m. in the Arena; on Saturday at noon, 2 and 4 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall; and on Sunday at noon and 2 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall.



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With Philip Ages on mandolin and recorder and Birgit Ages on accordion, Folkvoice returns from the Seattle area to entertain with Scandinavian tunes.

part 1950s-style Hollywood musical, all combined into a fun and entertaining look at local folklore. Catch cast members performing their Olio acts in the Beer Garden at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. Saturday at the festival.

## DOUBLE J AND THE BOYS

"Lively and fun" gives a hint about this Long Beach Peninsula band and the variety of its music. With Charlie Watkins on accordion, Judy Eron on guitar and oboe, Janet Clark on fiddle and mandolin, and Bill Clark on tenor guitar, their music spans the world: Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Venezuela and Texas. Catch the band in the Beer Garden from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday.

## FOLK VOICE

From an energetic rollicking Finnish humpsta to an elegant Swedish hambo, Seattle-based Folk Voice performs them all. On Friday, Folk Voice will perform at 3 p.m. in the Arena and at 5 p.m. Friday in the Beer Garden. On Saturday, catch the band at 10 a.m. in the Exhibit Hall, at 4 p.m. in the Beer Garden, and at 5:30 p.m. in the Arena.

## LEIKARRINGEN OF PORTLAND DANCERS

"Leikarringen" means circle or round dance. Leikarringen of Portland is open to youths ages 4 and up. This dance tradition is rich with tunes and dance steps from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Estonia. The group is led by Christie Stilson and sponsored by the Daughters of Norway and Norske Runddansere. See them perform at 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday in the Arena.

## THE LIBERTY THEATER PLAYERS

The Liberty Theater Players will present a readers theater version of "Dora" — a Swedish one-act comedy. The script was written by Pauline Phelps and dates from 1932. It was recently discovered in the attic at Suomi Hall and is assumed to have been performed on stage there. Dora is a Swedish immigrant maid who has saved her hard earned money for seven years. Suddenly her hiding place has been sold to a junk man. The fun begins with everyone trying to find the money. See the performance at 5:30 p.m. Friday, 5 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday in the Exhibit Hall.

## DON MEYER & KATHI PLOEGER

Don Meyers and Kathi Ploeger are experienced teachers of Scandinavian dance and teach regularly for the Skandia Folkdance Society in Seattle. The two will demonstrate, teach and call at 4:30 p.m. Saturday in the Arena; at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the Exhibit Hall; and at 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday during the ball.

## NORDIC VIKING DANCERS

Astoria's own dance group includes dancers from second grade to adults. The Nordic Dancers are the youngest group, experienced teenagers make up the



Submitted photo by Sigrd Nygaard

Helene Blum and Harald Haugaard perform Danish music with great passion. They will perform in Astoria as a quintet with cellist Elise Pedersen and guitarists Mattias Pérez and Mikkel Grue.

## ASTOR STREET OPRY COMPANY

### — "SHANGHAIED IN ASTORIA"

In its 31st season, local musical "Shanghaied in Astoria" is part-vaudeville, part-soap opera, and

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Viking Dancers. Parents and adults form the Scandia Dancers. They will perform at the Queen's Coronation and in the Arena on Saturday and Sunday.

#### NORDLEIK OF POULSBO

Nordleik hales from Poulsbo, Washington, and is making its first appearance at the festival. Jane Landstra and Ken Embrey met in California over three decades ago and have been playing music ever since. They play Scottish, Irish, Norwegian and Swedish tunes. Landstra plays Celtic and Scandinavian fiddle, including hardanger fiddle. Embrey plays fiddle as well as two row accordion, several Cajun squeeze boxes, concertina, guitar and mouth harp. Hear them in the Arena and Beer Garden during the festival.

#### NORDLYS

Since 1987, Nordlys, from Portland, has been performing Scandinavian folk dances to audiences throughout Washington and Oregon. This diverse group of dancers include a master seamstress, teachers, engineers, retirees and medical and dental professionals. Nordlys is sponsored by the Vancouver (Wash.) Sons of Norway. See them at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the Arena.

#### RYAN PHILLIPS

Ryan Phillips grew up in Astoria and learned to play accordion at home and in the community. Catch him in the dining area of the Exhibit Hall during breakfast Saturday and Sunday.

#### SKOLKIS

Skolkis is four extraordinary musicians from Seattle: fiddlers Emma Anderson, Martha Levenson, Vicki Watt Warshaw, and guitarist EJ Landsman. They play the music of Denmark, Norway and



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Sindre Fotland  
and Kristoffer  
Kleveland are a  
button accordion  
duo from Norway.

Sweden. The group's name is Swedish for "playing hooky," and it's a good fit for the group's playful stage presence. Kathi Ploegar and Don Meyers will call dances Saturday night.

#### SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRY

This returning band and local favorite plays dances like the Varsouvienne, the Butterfly and the Irish Waltz as well as polkas, schottisches, waltzes, and hambos. They even play the Chicken Dance and the Hokey Pokey! Coreen plays the accordion, Ken plays the tuba, and if we're lucky, Sven Sundstrom of Sweden and Jorgen Madsen of Denmark will also play. Hear them during the Queen's Ball Friday.

#### VASA YOUTH GROUP

The littlest dancers at the festival come from

Portland and will perform at noon around the Midsummer Pole and 1:30 p.m. Saturday. This group of Swedish dancers is led by Christine Smith.

#### THE EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY AND STEEL VIKING ENCAMPMENT

The Empire of Chivalry and Steel specializes in the recreation of the culture of the Middle Ages, including the art forms, events (feasts, tournaments, ceremonies and wars), and combat arts from that period. The purpose of this nonprofit educational corporation is to study and teach European ideals and history from 800 A.D. to 1650 A.D. Empire of Chivalry and Steel participants will open their Viking Encampment to the public Saturday and Sunday and provide demonstrations of sword fighting and armour making.

## 12th annual Running of the Trolls

All are invited to attend this walk or run in the Olney countryside. Proceeds benefit the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association Scholarship Fund.

**When:** 8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 20

#### Distance choice:

1.5-mile run / walk  
3-mile run / walk  
5.75-mile run

**Cost:** \$25 entry fee includes: a 2015 Troll Run T-shirt, or three-day admission to the festival, free Saturday parking and a bottle of water.

**Race day check-in:** 7 to 8 a.m. at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds building entrance. T-shirts or festival buttons, as well as parking pass and water are distributed at this time.

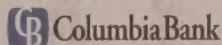
**Awards:** Overall top male, female, teen and youth finisher/runner in 5.75-mile run will be awarded prizes.



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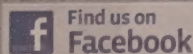
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